

## The Fredericton Town Hall Meeting:



## Food for Thought in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### **Introduction**

You have been invited to participate in a debate about how we consume food and where it comes from. Over the past ten years there has been a passionate debate growing in Fredericton about whether the city should continue to import food from thousands of miles away or support and buy from local farmers wherever possible. We will refer to the two groups as the “locals” (who support the consumption of local foods) and the “globals” (who support having food imported).

### **Final Project**

- Your final project for the unit will be your participation in a town hall debate. The debate will be a simulation of a town hall meeting in Fredericton about whether Fredericton should buy and consume more local foods and reduce the amount of imported foods.
- You will be assigned one of the following groups below. The locals must argue to the Mayor and council members of Fredericton that Fredericton should buy local food rather than imported food. The globals must try to convince the Mayor and council members that Fredericton should continue to import food from all around the world as is the case now. The Mayor and council members must listen to the two sides and determine which side presented a more convincing case by using facts and information from the lessons.

- The majority of information you will need for the town hall meeting will be presented in class, through lessons, research, and the work we do in class. Therefore it is important that you attend class, pay attention, and engage in the work. Some homework may be required.

### **The Locals**

Sub Groups: a) local farmer's, b) food store co-op, c) environmental group.

### **The Globals**

Sub Groups: a) Costco/Superstore/ Sobeys, b) international food exporters, c) the Fredericton Business Council.

### **Mayor and Councilman**

Sub Groups: a) the Mayor, b) Council members.

**\*Note: The groups will be assigned in the next few days so you can prepare and collect the necessary knowledge for the final project.**

### **Marks:**

**Class Work: 25%**

**Group Work: 25%**

**Notes for Town Hall Meeting: 20%**

**Town Hall Meeting: 30%**